

Redningsøvelse: Den ville hesten

Rescue exercise in Ville hesten, Troia

21 participants. Case: Three persons had been on a trip to Ville hesten cave on August 12, 2006. The accident happened at 0640. A man in his twenties fell and injured his knee. Abnormal position of knee, much pain, undercooled, conscious. One of the three, a young woman, was missing. Police was informed at 0950, the Norwegian Cave Rescue Service (NGRT) at 10.10, participating cavers at 11.10. Rigging would not be necessary. There was a first aid team with stretcher, a communication team, two search teams with two persons each, a stretcher team of whom 4-5 were to be kept in reserve at entrance. The searchers and first aid team entered cave at 12.15. Stretcher and patient were out at 14.03 and Red Cross took over. Stretcher transport took 56 min over the 310 m distance.

Among points from evaluation: More copies of cave map needed. Uncertainty about missing woman. Should rescue dogs search near the entrance, or cavers go in first? The latter is correct from the point of view of risk. Should a first aid team have been sent in immediately, without waiting for the overall planning? About 40 min might have been saved. Possibly, this had been done in a real accident, depending on patient injuries and available manpower.